Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—With regard to that I want notice.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The reason that was stated here will not hold good. The Mulavukad—Ernakulam ferry starting from the Jail Jetty alight the passengers on the foreshore and they are not to pay toll. Is there any other particular reason to collect tolls?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—So far as I see there is no other particular reason. This is done as a matter of practice. I said it only as an inference.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I wish to know how it has been notified to the public. Is it in the Gazette?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—In the Gazette. The ferries are divided into first class, second class, etc. The first class ferries have the right to fix 6 pies and the others 2 pies.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I suppose Karupadanna is on the other side. What is the justification in collecting the toll from people coming to Karupadanna from Cranganur?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—If the boats alight passengers within the limits of the ferry, the contractor is allowed to collect the toll.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does the Government think that it is a very healthy practice to collect this six pies from every passenger because he simply lands there? Will the Government please consider this question?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes, I will consider. If there is any injustice done to the people by this toll, I will report to the Government.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Do the Government think that the practice is legal?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have already said what I have to say in the matter.

Requests from Depressed Class of Poonkunnam for houses.

314. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—താഴെ എഴുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ബഹുമനപ്പെട്ട ശവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ:—

പൂങ്കുന്നം നിവാസികളായ അധഃകൃതർ താമസത്തിനു സ്ഥലം കിട്ടണമെന്നു് അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്രനാളായി?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

Offences motived by self-preservation of property.

315. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the total number of convictions in the State for offences relating to property during as many years as can be calculated;

(b) the number of (a) in which the motive of the offence was self-preservation?

(c) whether any instance in (a) was caused by the reason specified in (b);

(d) whether they intend to label self-preservation in offences relating to property on a par to self defence in offences relating to person;

(e) in what ways the Government intend to remove the incongruity indicated above;

(f) whether they intend to realise the object by working out a better distribution of wealth?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a)	*1103*	*1104*	*1105*	*1106*	*1107*
	171	263	283	257	303

(b) It has not been possible to ascertain the motive behind each of these offences.

(c), (d), (e) and (f) In view of the answer to sub-division (b), no answer is called for to these sub-divisions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the fact that my questions are occasionally branded as unintelligible, will the Government be pleased to state whether the heading of this question is intelligible?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no doubt about the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the heading wrong?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am not sure that it is wrong.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to (a) have the Government noted that the figures are on the increase?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reason for it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not know the reason.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have economic factors contributed anything to this consummation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Likely. Government have no information

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the fact that economic factor is one of the grounds, should not the Government have looked into it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is very likely that economic factors may have been one of the contributory factors to the result.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If it is one of the factors, may I know what the Government intend to do?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot do anything.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b). Is it not a matter of common knowing that in some of the offences at least the motive must have been self-preservation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That is contradicting your previous answer.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I said only likely. It is not contradictory.

Allowing Cochin cars plying in British India—Reply of the Madras Government regarding.

316. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what, if any, is the reply they have received from the Madras Government regarding the question of allowing motor cars in Cochin to ply in British India?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Certain proposals regarding reciprocal exemption have been received from the Madras Government. As they are not to the advantage of the Darbar it has been decided to have the *status quo* undisturbed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What were the proposals of the Madras Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I will read the letter from the Madras Government.

Letter dated 16th June 1933, P. 3619/31 from the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States, to the Diwan of Cochin.

Subject:—Tolls—exemption from—buses plying partly in the Madras Presidency and partly in Indian States.

Reference:—Your letter No. P. W. 5-5627/07, dated 10th May 1933.

"I have the honour to inform you that the Madras Government are prepared to enter into an agreement with the Cochin Government in the matter of payment of taxes and tolls on motor vehicles on the following basis:—

(1) Madras Government will reduce the tax payable in respect of motor vehicles (including cars, buses and lorries), registered in the Cochin State and using the roads in the Madras Presidency, to two-thirds of the usual amount provided that the owners of such vehicles are *bona fide* residents of the Cochin State. A certificate to this effect from the Agent to the Governor-General or his Assistant should be produced by the owners.

(2) The Cochin Government should, on their part, agree to reduce the toll payable to the State by motor vehicles registered in the Presidency to two-thirds of the normal rate.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know whether the Cochin Government agree to this arrangement.

I. The Government of Madras however regret their inability to comply with the request of the Cochin Government that, pending a settlement of

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